

## **PAPER PRESENTERS: WHAT TO EXPECT AT PURC**

PURC is an all-day event. 95 projects will be featured this year. All presenters are strongly encouraged to attend all of the sessions and show their support of the other presenters.

Presenters should check-in at the registration table in front of the Franz Hall Tower Building. There you will receive a nametag and copy of the conference proceedings booklet.

Those presenting during the earlier paper sessions (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) are required to arrive in their rooms by 12:30 p.m. Those presenting during the later paper sessions (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) are required to arrive in their rooms by 3:00 p.m. Paper presenters are required to stay for the entire length of their sessions. We will assign each presenter to a specific time at a later date. Plan to be present for the entire session.

## **PREPARING A PAPER PRESENTATION**

### **Paper Presentations**

Paper presentations are 10 minute oral presentations given in front of a small audience in a classroom setting. 5 presenters are scheduled for each paper presentation. These verbal presentations are usually accompanied by simple power point presentations.

### **Time**

Each presentation should be no more than 10 minutes and will be followed by a short Question & Answer session. Presenters are required to remain in the room for the entire length of the paper session, out of respect for the other presenters.

### **Style**

Keep in mind that you will be giving your presentation orally. Even though many students opt to write out and read their presentations, it is important to remember that written language and spoken language are very different, and it is difficult for an audience to listen to and comprehend language that was intended to be read. If you feel more comfortable reading your presentation, then try to write it in a style appropriate for spoken presentation.

### **Teaching**

In preparing for your presentation, please remember that you will have to teach a little. You should provide enough of a tutorial in your presentation for your audience to be able to follow the logic of your project. It is particularly important that you define any technical terms you use.

## **Organization**

You should organize your talk, much as you would an APA style paper.

**Introduction:** Provide all necessary and relevant theoretical background, as well as the rationale for your project.

**Method:** Give a brief description of subjects and design. A graph is often helpful in describing the design of your study. Be sure to clearly define your variables and tasks.

**Results:** Do not verbally present descriptive or inferential statistics (e.g.,  $F(2,148) = 12.67$ ). In your spoken presentation, describe the nature of the significant effects. You may provide means and F values of the significant effects. You may provide means and F values in graphs or tables.

**Discussion:** Discuss the relevance of your results within the context of the theoretical framework you presented in your introduction. Discuss any problems you encountered, unusual effects, etc. You should only talk about future areas for research if you have specific ideas or plans, comments such as “future research is warranted” should be avoided.

## **Practice**

Nothing will improve your talk, or your level of comfort and confidence, more than practice. You should schedule dry runs with friends and lab-mates. Have someone time your talk to make sure it does not exceed the 10 minute limit.

## **Equipment**

It is standard for presenters to create Power Point presentations for their PURC paper presentations. However, it is not a requirement. We will have a laptop computer and LCD projector available.

**Presenters using Power Point presentations MUST e-mail their final drafts of their presentations to Sarah Lemke by May 4th for approval.** Therefore, it is suggested that presenters complete their final versions at least one week before the conference. You may not bring your presentation on a USB disk or CD. Your final presentation will already be uploaded to the laptop.

## **Getting Help with Your Presentation**

Presenters should work closely with their faculty advisors when preparing their presentations. You can also ask questions of the PURC staff. Sarah is available to answer questions regarding the schedule, equipment, and other related topics. E-mail Sarah at [slemke@psych.ucla.edu](mailto:slemke@psych.ucla.edu). Our Graduate Assistant, Danny Osborne, will contact students regarding abstract editing. He will be able to answer questions and offer advice for preparing your presentation. Please e-mail Danny- at [purc@psych.ucla.edu](mailto:purc@psych.ucla.edu).